THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All the proposals received in this connection including those from Andhra Pradesh are under examination in consultation with the concerned agencies to prepare Comprehensive lists.

Setting up a T.V. Studio in Hyderabad

*149. SHRI T. CHANDRASHEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a TV studio in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) by when it will be set up;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the criteria taken into consideration for setting up such studios; and

(e) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have provided land for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) Studio facilities for production of TV programmes in black and white are already available at Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad, which has also been provided equipment for production of field-based programmes in colour. A permanent studio building for the Kendra is under construction. Replacement of the existing black and white studio equipment by studio equipment for operation in colour as well as augmentation of the production facilities at the Kendra have been included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. Implementation of these schemes will depend on actual annual allocation of resources.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

World Bank/I.D.A. Loans for Agricultural Projects

*150. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations are being carried on with World Bank and I.D.A. for sanction of loans or credits to finance agricultural projects in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outcome of these negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Discussions are being held with World Bank group for financing of agricultural projects such as the development of extension, seed, input supply and oilseeds. The project details are being finalised. Formal negotiations with the World Bank and IDA have not been held and so it is not possible to give details of the outcome.

Increase in Royalty on Minerals in Madhya Pradesh

*151. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government has sought an increase in the royalty on mining of aluminium, iron, copper and diamond, etc. during the last five years, from 1980 to 1985;

(b) if so, what are the dates on which the above increases were sought and what is the extent of increase sought on royalty in each case; and

(c) what are the names of the products on which the Central Government have increased the rate of royalty on the basis of the above demands and what is the extent of increase allowed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) For the purpose of revision in the rates of royalty on major minerals, the Central Government constituted a Study Group in November, 1984, which had issued a Questionnaire calling for the suggestions of all State Governments in this regard. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted their suggestions on 14-6-85 for increase in royalty rates on minerals including bauxite, iron ore, copper ore and diamond. Government of M.P. have suggested rates of royalty on bauxite at the rate of Rs. 20 per tonne, on diamond at the rate of 25 per cent of sale price at pit's head, on copper at the rate of Rs. 8 per tonne. The State Government had also proposed the same rate of royalty on copper in November, 1982. On iron ore, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh proposed in September, 1982 rates ranging from Re. 1.00 to Rs. 6.00 per tonne when used for export and from Rs. 4.00 to Rs. 25.00, when used for indigenous industry, depending upon the content of iron in the Mineral. No rate has been proposed by the State Government for iron ore in their letter dated 14-6-85. The suggestions made by the State Government were taken into consideration by the Study Group.

The Study Group has submitted its report in December, 1985 and the recommendations of the Study Group are under the active consideration of the Government.

News Service System of Doordarshan

*152. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring about some changes in the news service system of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The requirements of Doordarshan and other media are different, and therefore, there is need for having a separate news set-up in Doordarshan. Similarly, there is need for higher professionalism at an increasing scale to improve the news presentation. The Government also recognises the need for training to the news personnel. The Ministry is working out the details of these three and it is proposed to complete this exercise very soon and to introduce this as a pilot system in National News later on and extend it to other Kendras from where news telecast takes place.

2. Steps that already have been taken to improve the news services system of Doordarshan are summarised below:—

(i) Strict adherence to the guidelines relating to news policy for broadcast media is being insisted upon to ensure greater objectivity and professional quality.

(ii) It has been decided to provide adequate number of dedicated mobile Units for news collection at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta as well as some other news producing Kendras.

(iii) With a view to improving the extent of visual coverage of